

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 to 33 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Objection to Claim 11

Claim 11 was objected to because of an informality. Per the Examiner's suggestion, the term "spundbonded" was replaced with "spunbonded." Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 to 33 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Final Office Action alleges that the language "during manufacture" is unclear. Claim 11 has been amended to clarify that the spunbonded nonwoven exhibits no more than 5% shrinkage during the bonding and stretching steps recited in claim 11. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11, as amended, fully satisfies 35 U.S.C. § 112. Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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